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Federal Funding In Doubt

Sewer System's May Be Delayed

By Kim Klein

Bill Hogan and Ed Parker, Principal Sanitary Engineers for the Water Compliance Division of the state Department of Environment Protection, met with the Suffield Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Tuesday at Town Hall.

Upgrading Present System

The two state officials and WPCA discussed sources and availability of funding for a secondary sewage treatment plant as well as upgrading the present collection system.

An abatement order by the state makes a secondary treatment facility mandatory. The need to expand capacity of the existing primary collection system exists because of plans to develop the East Street-Thompsonville Road area.

When the town received the abatement order, Metcalf and Eddy, a Boston-based engineering firm, was commissioned to conduct a feasibility study. The study has been submitted and reviewed by the state. Further progress on Step I (Facilities Planning) of the project has come to a halt because of a federal bill pending in Congress that affects funding.

According to Hogan the funding picture appears bleak. "I cannot give Suffield good guidance at this time," he said. In the past, federal and state sources provided 90 percent of the cost of such projects but with the cutback of federal funds, this may be reduced by 30 percent. The project may be delayed until 1983 (design) and actual construction until 1987.

Suffield WPCA members expressed concern over the delay because of the effect it may have on the "shelf-life" of the feasibility study. They fear that technological changes over a period of years might make the report moot and cause further delays.

Paul Barnett, Suffield Superintendent of Sewers, expressed confidence in the town's ability to receive the federal funding for the treatment plant but fears that additional funds for upgrading the present system won't be available.

Hogan and Parker offered several alternatives: A small community septic tank, capable of serving 10-15 people and low interest loans to homeowners for repairs on their present systems. Hogan suggested that the town may grant these loans, although he admitted there is no precedent for such action exists.

No Population Increase

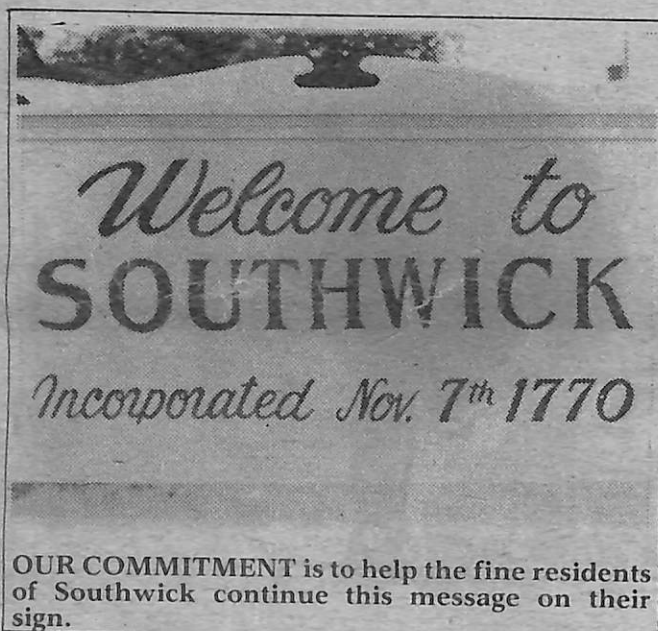
The state officials cautioned that population in the state is not predicted to grow substantially in the 1980's, and the development in the East Street-Thompsonville Road area may not be justified. It appears that the committee has put a holding pattern on the project until the status of federal funding can be properly evaluated.

In other action taken by the committee, Suffield North residents Thomas Kolls and Bob Stabie, representing four homeowners in the area, complained that the town ordinance mandating hook-up to the new sewer system was unnecessary and unfair.

Kolls called his situation as a "matter of asset management," justifying his refusal to connect by pointing to the fact that he still has a properly functioning septic tank. Because of the nature of his property, Kolls said he was not polluting and therefore should not be forced to comply.

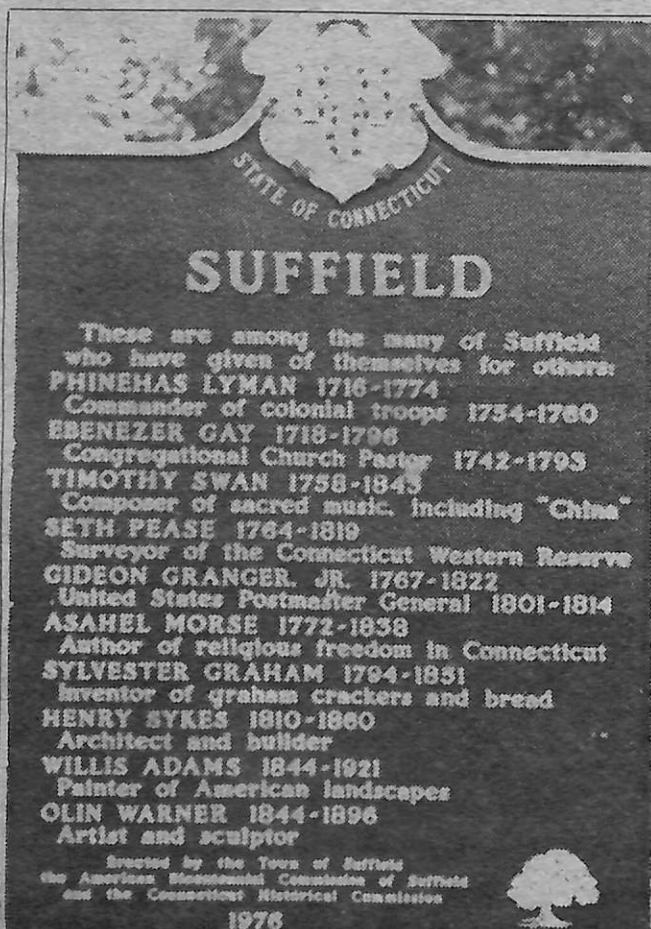
Paul Barnett, Suffield Superintendent of Sewers, pointed out that 50 to 60 other residents have been forced to connect and a program to try to distinguish the non-polluters from the polluters would be too extensive to undertake.

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Photos By Claire McGregor



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Residents Upset By NU Meeting

By Penny Stone

At a public meeting held on September 3rd, concerned citizens in attendance were little appeased by Northeast Utilities' indication that herbicide spraying would not be necessary in Southwick this year and "probably not even in 1982."

Response To Letter

In response to a letter from the Southwick Board of Selectman, officials from the electric utility company and invited speakers met with area residents to explain NU's vegetation control program and fielded questions from the crowd.

Community Relations Manager of the Western Mass. Region of Northeast Utilities, William F. Semanie, reminded the audience of the company's 15 month voluntary suspension of spraying activities and indicated that they may be forced to resume when the danger of trees interfering with high voltage power lines recurs.

Dr. Robert E. Menzer, professor of entomology and chairman of the graduate program in marine-estuarine-environmental sciences at the University of Maryland, commented that spraying would only take place on the power line's rights of way, "not in areas where people are living or working." He noted that some drifting, spilling and walking into the sprayed area are not always controllable.

Menzer further noted that "none of the compounds used by NU is toxic in an acute form," while acknowledging that the Environmental Protection Agency feels testing thus far is insufficient with more data regarding possible chronic effects of some chemicals used needed.

Another guest speaker, Dr. William A. Niering, director of New London's Connecticut Arboretum, spoke in favor of NU's approach of "selective spraying," where the base of potentially tall-growing trees is sprayed to kill the roots.

"This allows low-lying growth and berry bushes to grow up and helps prevent seedlings from sprouting," he added.

Postpones Problem

According to Niering, cutting the offending trees back simply postpones the problem and when the tree sprouts again, the problem recurs.

"I think that the technique used here (by NU) is ecologically sound. It creates low and stable wildlife while decreasing the need for respraying."

Speaking in opposition to the NU's spraying, particularly their use of a chemical called 2/4-D, was Dr. Andrew Canada who is director of the Massachusetts Pesticide Laboratory.

Canada cited lack of knowledge about the chemical as his chief concern and said that some evidence points to 2/4 D as a potentially cancer-causing agent. He added that the chemical is "likely to be a mutagen, meaning it can break down chromosomes."

Selectman John Veil commented that the last spraying in the area was in 1977. He said he had recently walked the power lines without seeing any problem with Southwick trees even approaching the lines.

Bob Smuts, NU rights of way management coordinator, replied that just last year the company had cutback the growth in Southwick but that manual cutting was not a cost effective method for the thousands of acres they must maintain.

Concerns from residents of Southwick, Agawam, Hampden and Ludlow ranged from danger to local bees to drifting of chemicals and lack of faith in the parties contracted to do spraying.

Possible Alternative

One possible solution to alleviate local concerns was offered by Southwick resident Alan Wertkin, who proposed that NU consider contracting with the town to perform the maintenance work necessary under the electric company's power lines. This unprecedented plan was taken under advisement.

In the meantime, residents abutting the power company's rights of way can breathe easier of herbicide spraying in the hope that more conclusive proof of the safety of currently used chemicals is forthcoming. currently used chemicals is forthcoming.

The Book Corner

By Michael Hull

They were thorough-going professionals with high standards, and even in defeat their discipline was mainly steadfast.

Some of the men who commanded Adolf Hitler's armies were among the greatest soldiers in history, writes Brett Smith in his study of the personalities and careers of 82 army and Luftwaffe generals. They were soldiers first and Nazis second - in fact, the majority were not Nazis at all.

Although Manstein, Guderian, Model and Kesselring were probably the greatest of all, Brett-Smith points out, men like Runstedt, Kluge and Bock on the eastern front were leading armies of up to three quarters of a million troops, winning the largest battles the world has ever seen.

In North Africa, the legendary Rommel built a reputation with both the Germans and the Allies which led him to be chosen as potential head of state in the event of Hitler's assassination.

Hitler, says the author, failed to trust his senior commanders, was psychologically incapable of delegating authority, was interfered in the chain of command even down to brigade level. So the generals' battles with the Fuehrer were often as dramatic as their encounters at El Alamein, Stalingrad and Kurek.

This is a well-organized and richly-detailed study of German leadership, complete with maps, portraits and chain-of-command tables.

A veteran of the 11th Hussars in World War II, Brett-Smith was a Daily Telegraph foreign correspondent for 14 years.



BOARD OF SELECTMAN chairperson Vivian Brown supported the management transfer of the Tumble Inn. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Selectman Approve Inn Transfer

By Michael Caruso

Southwick: The selectmen's meeting Wednesday night at Town Hall opened with representatives of the Tumble Inn on Feeding Hills Road seeking approval for transfer of management. Several abutters were on hand to express their grievances about noise, litter, trespassing, and traffic on the nearby road leading to the sand and gravel pit.

John Hanson of Southwick, new manager of the inn, assured these individuals that he would personally be overseeing activities at the inn. Hanson also asked them to bring complaints to him first to seek a resolution.

"I have to live here, too," Hanson said.

The current board of two members, Chairwoman Vivian Brown and John H. Viel, approved the transfer.

In other action, Leo Sagan, chairman of the Board of Health, submitted a written recommendation to amend the zoning bylaws, proposing to add a paragraph prohibiting the treatment, storage or disposal of radioactive wastes within the Town of Southwick.

Sagan informed selectmen the state is considering fifty sites as possible future radioactive waste dumps, of which three will be chosen for actual disposal.

The identity of any of the sites is unknown at this time, according to Sagan.

The Board of Health's proposal will go before the Planning Board for a hearing prior to being placed on the warrant of the next special town meeting.

Fire commissioners Pete Jakobowski and Florial Garcia then addressed the board seeking approval for the purchase of a new fire truck. It was estimated that the cost of a new truck with a water tank and pump could be from \$80,000 to \$150,000.

Both Ms. Brown and Viel expressed support for the proposed purchase. "We're very fortunate to have a volunteer fire department in this town," declared Ms. Brown.

Both officials praised the volunteers and encouraged the commissioners to undertake a complete inventory of department equipment for future review.

The proposal now goes to the Town Finance Committee.

On the agenda for the next selectmen's meeting on September 15th at 7:30 is the status of the Youth Commission.

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MRS. PENNY STONE, self-assured, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic, has been hard at work in both Southwick and Suffield organizing the hundreds of small details necessary to bring this newspaper to residents of those locales. Photo by Jack Devine.

she sees *The Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News* as a way to meet the need in both towns for information which focuses on local citizenry. Coverage will extend to administrative board meetings, social events, school news, local sports, and feature highlights.

All of Mrs. Stone's prior experience, both professional and personal, has been involved with public relations in one form or another. Her background ranges from earning an associate's degree from Greenfield Community College to employment as a pre-school teacher, a representative for a community-centered welcoming service, and, most recently, to her feature writing for *The Agawam Advertiser/News*, sister publication to this one.

"All of my previous work experiences have met basic needs of people," Mrs. Stone points out. "My work on the Southwick-Suffield newspaper will also meet certain needs within those towns, and I'm tremendously pleased with the initial response from both communities."

Married and the mother of three daughters, ages 16, 13, and 11, Mrs. Stone has been frequently recognized for outstanding service to her community through civic groups such as the Agawam Junior Women's Club as well as on many boards including the SPAN Counseling Center in Agawam and the Westfield Area Council for Children. In 1976, she was named Outstanding Young Woman of the Year by the Agawam Jaycees.

Self-assured and knowledgeable, her determination to improve not only her community but herself as well has led to many other citations. Such civic and personal awareness has made her acutely aware of the value of a community newspaper.

She also views the newspaper as an outlet for her own love of writing.

"I have discovered that I seem to have a greater than average need to express myself and find much satisfaction in writing," she says. "I see the new newspaper as an opportunity to work at something I truly love to do while providing a badly-needed vehicle of communication within those two towns."

Mrs. Stone notes that residents of both towns seem eager to read as well as to contribute to the *Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News*.

"I hope residents of both communities adopt this newspaper as their own and use it as a unique catalyst for drawing closer together with their neighbors and friends."

Meet Your Managing Editor... Penny Stone Heads New Publication

Greenfield native and Agawam resident, Mrs. Penny Stone has energetically and enthusiastically undertaken the challenge of creating this community newspaper from scratch to serve the Southwick-Suffield areas.

She explains her enthusiasm saying, "I think we have to recognize that good news is newsworthy, and only a community newspaper can present such news in depth."

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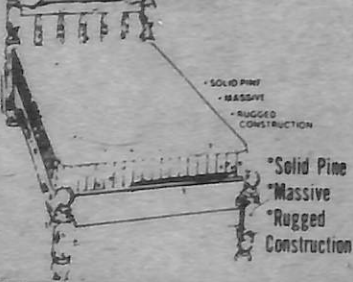
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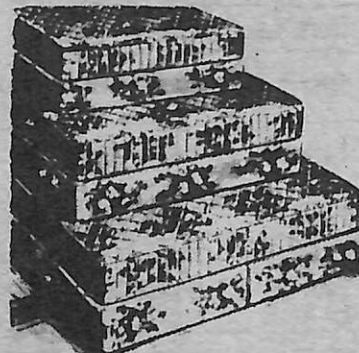
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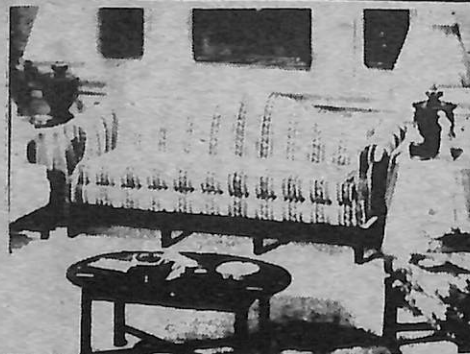


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Sondra Solek Weds James Pendleton

In a ceremony on Friday, September 4, 1981, at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Sondra L. Solek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Solek of Granville Road, Southwick, exchanged nuptial vows with James R. Pendleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn Pendleton of Granville. The Rev. James P. Menge officiated.

Following a reception at the American Legion Hall in Southwick, the couple honeymooned on Cape Cod and will live in Southwick upon their return.

The bride is employed as a secretary at Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The groom is employed as a machinist at Birken Manufacturing in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Granville Church Sponsors Sale

Come one, come all to the Fourth Annual Tailgate and Crafts Sale sponsored by the Ladies Aid of the Federated Church of Granville, Massachusetts. This sale will take place on September 12th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Village School grounds on Route 57.

There, in the foothills of the Berkshires, wares from local craftsmen, collectors, and country cooks will be featured for sale.

Raindate will be September 19th.

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Southwick Boasts Heart Princess

By Diana Willard

Every little girl dreams of being a princess. And no born-to-the-manor child could look more like royalty than six year old Kathryn Davis. Rosy-cheeked, with long flowing hair and a beaming smile, "Kari", as she prefers to be called, radiates the perfect image of innocent regalness. Perhaps that is why the American Heart Association (Western Mass. Chapter) chose her for its 1981-82 Heart Princess.

How many of us, however, would choose to go through what Kari has in order to achieve that childhood dream? Born with pulmonary stenosis (a malformed valve from the heart to the lungs that prevents sufficient oxygenization of the blood) Kari underwent three operations in four weeks time - two in one day as a result of complications.

The rigors of her hospital stays seem to have faded, though, and Kari when interviewed fondly recalled the nice doctors and nurses and the "really good breakfasts." In fact, according to Mom, Kari would have been delighted had she been served three breakfasts a day - as requested.

The reigning Heart Princess lives in Southwick with her parents, Pat and Galen Davis, and brother Jon. Looking at her happy healthy countenance today, it is hard to imagine her lying in an intensive care unit connected to life-saving tubes and machinery.

Kari leads a very active life. She shares fully in the responsibility of caring for the family menagerie - goats, chickens, dogs and a cat!

She is also a star pupil at Betty Champion's dance school in Westfield, participating in no less than three classes, tap, jazz and acrobatics. Her artistic credits don't stop there, however, Kari was the youngest members of the cast in a local production of *The Sound Of Music*.



SIX YEAR OLD SOUTHWICK RESIDENT KARI DAVIS is this year's American Heart Association (Western Massachusetts) Princess. Photo By Jack Devine.

Little Miss Davis loves donning her pearl crown and banner to make personal appearances for the Heart Association. She says she feels "beautiful" when wearing them. Indeed she is!

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Southwick Senior Club To Meet

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Annual Octoberfest This Weekend

Suffield: The 11th annual Suffield Jaycee Women's Octoberfest Craftsfair will be held this year on September 12 and 13th under the chairmanship of Sue McCabe, Becky Barrett, and Bunny Steinka. Over forty craftspeople from all over New England will display their wares at the Hatheway Barn near the center of town.

Visitors to the show will have the opportunity to view crafts chosen to delight visitors of all ages including dolls, carvings, silk and dried flower arrangements, wooden toys, copper and pewter jewelry, stained glass, and message magnets.

Some of the craftspeople returning to this year's fair are Chelen Crafts, the Gift of Herbs, the Frog Prince, and Suffield's own Tumblebrook Blacksmith Jim Kent.

Some new craftspeople this year include Silver Threads with personalized items for children, Sharon Grabowski and Marcia Zavisza with smocked dresses, Christmas balls, and pocketbooks, and Mailbox Market with handpainted mailboxes. Beth O'Rourke, a stained glass artist, will display, as will Pat Wilcox with her wind chimes in the form of elves and dragons.

The proceeds from this event are used entirely to fund service projects within the town of Suffield.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday from 10 to 5 and on Sunday from 11 to 5. Admission is \$1.00 for adults; 75¢ for senior citizens; and free for children under 12 when accompanied by an adult.

The Kent Memorial Library will once again be out on the green with its booth, and Festgoers are invited to challenge the Giant Crossword puzzle and win a discount ticket to the Friends of the Library book sale.

In addition, the library will show two special films for children grades K-8. "The Tap Dance Kid" and "Children's Chants and Games" will run from 1:30-2:30 at the library on Saturday.

The Friends of the Library Booksale will operate in front of the library on both Saturday and Sunday.

Grange Schedules Barbeque & Fair

The West Suffield Grange will hold its annual Fair and Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, September 12th, at the Grange Hall on Route 168 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Food will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Book Sale throughout the weekend

Footraces 6.2 mile event for Muscular Dystrophy beginning Saturday at noon, sponsored by Suffield Savings Bank, Suffield Recreation Dept., and Suffield Jaycees. Begins at Suffield High.

Bingo Games by Knights of Columbus throughout the weekend on the town green

Chicken Barbeque Sunday lunchtime by the Rotary Club

Family Breakfast Sunday morning by the Lions Club

Video Games at the beer tent throughout weekend

WHCN, Music & Giveaways Saturday 11 to 5 o'clock

Port Pleasant Jazz Band Hartford Jazz Society, Saturday 5 to 9 o'clock

Jerry Crane's Moldie Oldies Saturday, 9 p.m.

No Name Band Sunday, noon to 4 o'clock

Jim Farley, Folk Singer, Sunday, 4 p.m. on

KIDS STUFF

Mime & Magic by the Pearsons, Saturday, 11 a.m. in the tent.

Clowns, Pony Rides, Amusement Rides throughout the weekend

Afternoon At The Movies Selected shorts on Saturday 1 p.m.

Vagabond Square Dancers Will Sponsor Lessons

The Vagabonds Square Dance Club is again sponsoring square dance lessons for adult couples this fall. All couples are invited to attend the first night free of charge on Sunday, September 27th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Lessons will be held at Community Center, East Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

The instructor for these lessons will be Lou Taddia of Springfield. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Len Houle at 536-8552.

Fun 'N Frolic Successful

Southwick: The 30th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of the Lake entitled "Fun 'n Frolic" took place on Sunday, August 30th on the grounds of the church.

Among events of the day were sack, peanut-spoon, and 3-legged races, water balloon tossing, and other children's games along with egg tossing, arm wrestling and other games for adults. Many booths and tables featured various games and goods.

The antique fan collection of Mrs. Grace Spillane and the antique glassware owned by Mrs. J. H. Beckman were highlights of the displays.

Champion fiddlers Becky and Gretchen Koehler, ages 7 and 11, and Jody and Tracy Maranchi, ages 13 and 12, accompanied by Mrs. Diane Miranchi on the guitar presented foot-stomping renditions of country and folk tunes to an appreciative audience. These Westfield youngsters are all pupils in the world-renowned Suzuki violin program.

While food and liquid refreshments were sold throughout the day, "Tweety Bird" and "Sylvester the Cat" joined six other clowns in mingling with the crowd to pass out candy.

Ginny Cooper directed an early-evening production featuring a variety of musical numbers and a sing-along in addition to a Gong Show.

Winners of door prizes included the following: Mrs. J. H. Beckman, Jimmy McKean, Earl Lawrence, Fred Hepburn, James Fahey, Edna Steeve, and Walter Sackman of Southwick; Joyce LaPoint and Joseph Garlo of Westfield; and Lucy Claschini of Springfield.

Credit for the success of this event must be extended to Chairman Lou Campagnari, Coordinator Lucien Briere, Raffle Ticket Chairman Rita Sak, Food Chairman Pat Dickinson, and Entertainment Chairman Ginny Cooper.

Also, Games and Activities Chairmen Linda and Sue Dickinson; Program Book Chairman Carol Raham; Booth and Display Chairmen Bob Clark and Guy Cote; Co-Treasurers Marge Nicholas and Rosemarie Cudworthy; Entertainment Stage Managers Jeff Sponberg and Walter Fedora; and Art Directors Marcia Daly and Rosemarie McKean.

Rev. John P. Menge, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who worked on various committees, those who "toiled in the fields," all the parishioners, patrons, ad takers, and visitors who helped make this 30th anniversary event a truly memorable occasion.

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Women's Club To Sponsor Bloodmobile

Southwick: A free ticket to Moto-Cross on Sunday, October 4th, will be given in exchange for a pint of blood at the bloodmobile sponsored by the Southwick Women's Club. This event is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th, from 1:45 to 7:45 at the Powder Mill School on Route 57. Walk-in donors will be welcome.

In cooperation with this bloodmobile, the Southwick American Legion Post 338 will give each donor a free ticket (\$4 value) to the October 4th Moto-Cross Champion event. Drivers from all over the United States will be present at this event scheduled for the Legion Post grounds on Powder Mill Road off Route 57.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 65 in good general health may donate blood with those ages 17 and 18 requiring a signed parental permission slip prior to donating. American Red Cross permission slips will be available at Jones' Supermarket office.

Women's Club Plans Fashion Show

Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club is planning a luncheon fashion show on October 27th at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

Chairman Brockett has announced the following members of various committees working on this event: Reservations: Mim Brockett, Ann Harvey, and Peggy Supple; Door Prizes: Eleanor Sutton; Posters: Dolly Bryll; Centerpieces: Priscilla Walbreck; Publicity: Joan Tatro; and Fashions: Patsy Fehm.

Lions Club To Hold Chicken Barbeque

SOUTWICK: The Southwick Lions Club will hold its opening chicken barbeque/picnic September 20 beginning at 12 noon at the American Legion picnic grounds off Powder Mill Road.

President, Alan L. Ferrigno urges all members and their guests to attend.

Suffield Women Offered Variety Of Activities

The Suffield Women's Club is a civic, social and educational organization which promotes activities and programs beneficial to the community.

The club offers members diversified ways in which to provide service to the community as well as to enrich their own lives. Some members work on all projects, while others choose to channel their efforts into a particular interest.

For ladies who admire old houses, there is the Do-cent Program at the Hatheway House, where ladies are trained to be guides. Lovers of antiques work on the annual Antiques Festival held every June at the Hatheway Barn and grounds.

Miniature and dollhouse enthusiasts are delighted to work on the annual Miniature Show, which is held every April at Spaulding School.

Members who enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting work on articles for the Cancer Society, Veterans Hospital, and the Mansfield Training School. Those who practice other handicrafts may enter them in the annual Arts and Crafts Show, from which the first place Suffield winner goes on to district level, and possibly on to the state level.

Among other numerous activities offered members are bus trips, monthly programs, and craft workshops.

The Suffield club supports many local and state organizations each year with donations. Its largest amount of funds is given in scholarships, last year totalling \$1,900.

The club also works on projects such as Abused Persons, Juvenile Diabetes, Legislative Awareness, and the Handicapped in conjunction with the Connecticut Federation.

The Suffield Women's Club will be having a coffee orientation at a date to be announced next month. For those who wish more information, please call Mrs. Richard Thompson, president, at 668-7148.

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Spotlight On Seniors

By Dorothy Flag

SOUTHWICK COUNCIL ON AGING NEWS AND COMING EVENTS

Dedication: All people in the town of Southwick are welcome to attend a memorial service and dedication of a park in the center of town back of the Consolidated School. It is a park to be named in the honor of Nuchi Prifti, who devoted so much time to the betterment of "his town", as he put it. Time: 2 p.m. Sunday, September 27th.

Council on Aging wishes to extend a sincere welcome to our new member, Mrs. Clara Burton. She was the first president of the Senior Club in this town.

Sept. 14th from 1:15 to 3:15, Senior Citizens Meeting. All of you members are welcome. Come out and see what is going on and read the bulletin board.

Sept. 16th from 1:00 to 3:00, Blood Pressure Day. Be sure to come.

Sept. 19th from 1:00 to 3:30 or to 5 p.m. if need be, Doctor Haynes, our foot doctor from Agawam, will be here to help with our feet problems.

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People who are ill in the hospital are Linda Cochrane in Noble Hospital, Bea St. Germain in Noble, and Angelina Lancioni in Noble.

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WANTED: A beading teacher to teach senior citizen class. Pay involved. Please call 569-5579 and ask for Joan.

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The following classes are beginning in September:

Knitting & Crocheting: Tues., Sept. 29th 1:00-3:30, teacher Louise McMahon

Quilting: Wed., Sept. 23rd, 1:15-3:15, teacher Sharon Florek.

Ceramics: Thurs., Oct. 1st, 1:00-3:30, teacher Mary Ann Brazee, whose

studio is at 240 Eastwood Dr., Westfield.

Beading: No teacher as yet.

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SOUTHWICK SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE ELECTIONS will take place September 15th for the second session.

Registered voters over the age of sixty will be eligible to vote in the election, which will be held at more than 500 voting places throughout the state.

The winners of the election will represent the state's 160 House and 40 Senate districts when the Silver-Haired Legislature convenes at the State House in November.

A total of 350 candidates are seeking the 200 seats. This is an increase of 50 over last year.

Last year, the first session of the Silver-Haired Legislature passed a dozen bills which were submitted to the real State Legislature. Of these, twelve measures, three have already been passed - a bill increasing the appropriation for home care programs; an increase in funding for Councils on Aging; and a bill for reform of the state's fuel adjustment clause.

Other areas to be considered are transportation, nursing home reform, and the lowering of the age for property tax exemptions from 70 to 65.

Malfada Albano of Longmeadow, Alyce Potvin of Springfield, Anna St. John of Feeding Hills, are all candidates in the Second Hampden and Hampshire Senate district and the Third Hampden House district, all of which includes Southwick, Granville, and Tolland.

VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 15TH AT THE SOUTHWICK SENIOR CENTER BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

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Children's Council Is Sponsoring Parents Anonymous

The Greater Westfield Area Council for Children is sponsoring a local chapter of Parents Anonymous, a self-help support group for parents who feel that they abuse their children physically or psychologically and wish to stop.

This group maintains strict confidentiality among members and follows guidelines similar to those of Alcoholics Anonymous. Only first names are used, both in the referral process and in Parents Anonymous participation.

The chapter meets every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at an unpublished location. For further information for a confidential referral to the group, call either of these two numbers and leave only your first name:

Edith: 562-4956 or Bonnie: 562-5014

The local Parents Anonymous chapter, working with the Council for Children, is seeking candidates to train as volunteer parent aides who will provide respite and emergency child care for families who feel they are at risk of abusing their children. Aides will also inform parents of local services available to them within the community.

Criteria for acceptance for this volunteer program are child care experience, preferably as a parent, and ability to make a sincere commitment to the program for a one-year period.

More information may be obtained from the Council for Children at 562-5014. Training of volunteers will take place in September with the program set to go into effect in October.

Secretaries To Meet

Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries international will meet September 16th at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield. Social hour will begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30.

Guest speakers will be Joyce Perosino and Betty Rae Poppo, who are career agents for Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield. Working as a team, the two will speak about "Retirement, Disability, and Death," topics with which we can all relate.

Members and guests should make reservations by September 11th with Mrs. Hope MacRobbie, 11 Kennedy Drive, Hadley, Mass 01035.

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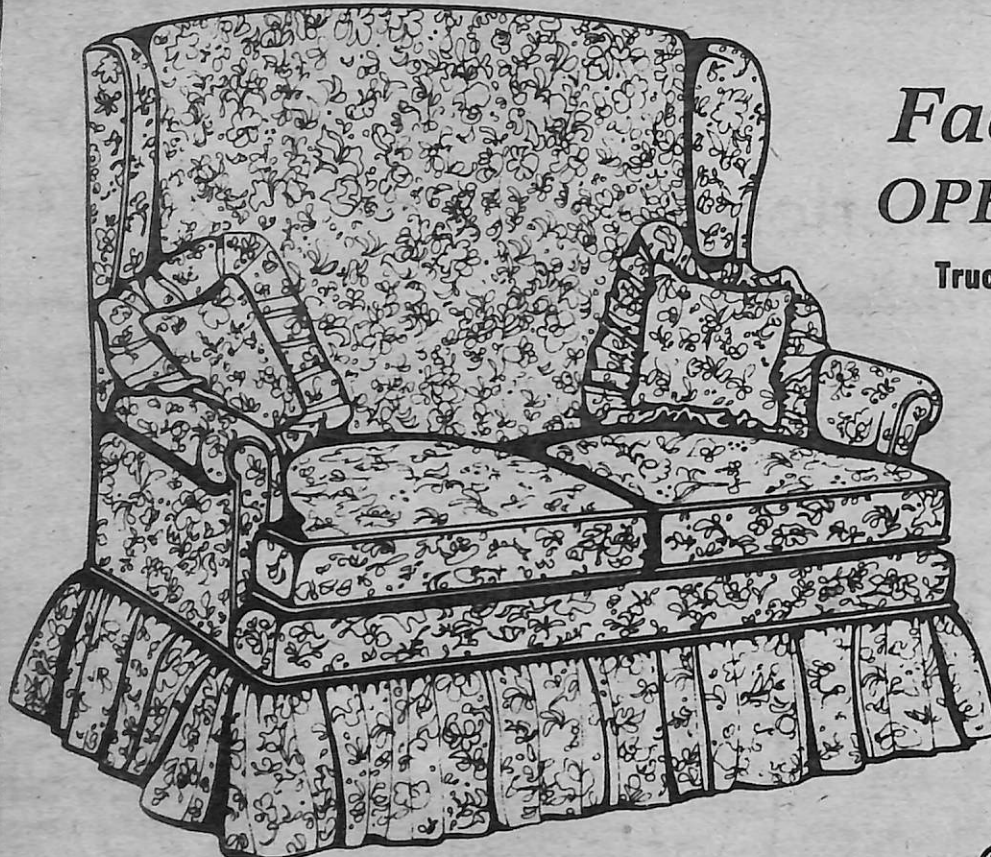
Once again, The Big E's gates will be open to fairgoers of all ages for only \$1 - a \$2.50 savings off the regular adult admission - on September 16 & 17, the first two days of the fair's 12-day run in West Springfield.

Enjoy continuous performances featuring mellow sounds and toe-tapping music, plus special shows for the kiddies - all free on the Big E's outdoor stages. Also on both days, see death-defying car stunts in the Ourdoor Arena, free performances of Super Circus '81 at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. in The Big E Coliseum, plus all the color, fun and excitement The Big E has to offer.

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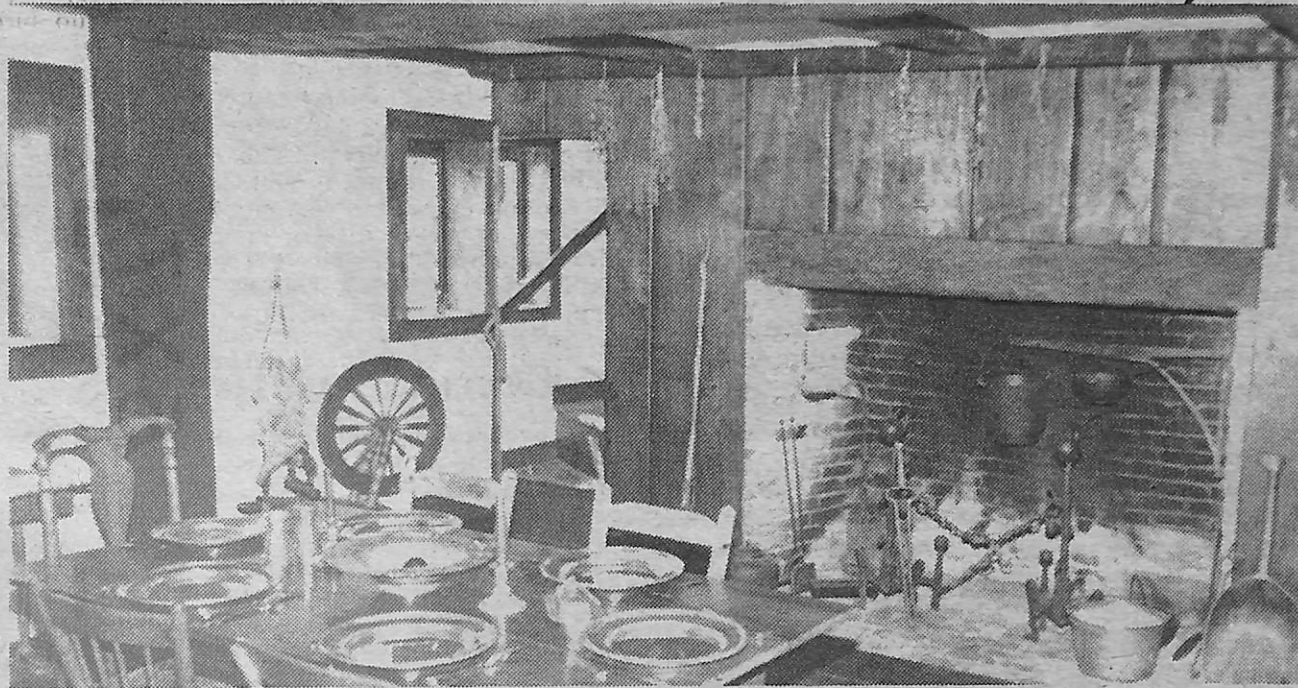
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A LOOK INTO THE COLONIAL KITCHEN of the Drenzek's restored home. The staircase to the left has been reconstructed and hand-hewn ceiling beams set in place along with hundreds of other additions to the home. Photo By Jack Devine.

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THE LIBRARY LINK

By Eugene Biggio
Director, Kent Memorial Library

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library is continuing to expand its reference collection and has just added several important items. *The Trade Names Dictionary* is the standard work for tracing the address of a firm which manufactures something under a tradename. Especially helpful in writing to return defective merchandise, the dictionary is indispensable for any consumer-related activity.

The Dictionary of World Pottery and Porcelain is a thoroughly comprehensive book spanning 7,000 years which covers manufacturers, companies and individual potters, modelers, painters and engravers; periods and styles; decorative motifs and symbols; colors; processes of firing, glazing, and decoration; terms and maker's marks. It is all cross-referenced.

An exhaustive, detailed account of costume through the ages covering dress, jewelry, ornament, coiffure and other elements is the *Book of Costume*. Arranged chronologically, it contains over 3,000 illustrations.

Perhaps the most up-to-date source on the topic is the new *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Astronomy*. Featuring full color plates and written for the lay person, the encyclopedia fills a real need for information of this kind.

The Diagram Group is responsible for a highly successful reference book on sports and games. Now it has published the equally important *Weapons: An International Encyclopedia from 5,000 B.C. to 2,000 A.D.* As in the past, excellent large illustrations and a succinct and clear text mark this work.

Finally, trivia buffs and fans of many endeavors will really find *The Big Book of Halls of Fame* an excellent resource. It answers such questions as "Which sport was invented on Thanksgiving Day in 1877?" or "Who was the first Indy 500 winner to finish without needing a tire change?"

All are located in the reference area. The reference staff will be happy to help individuals find these and assist in all areas of research.

Book Discussion Group Forming

Suffield: The book discussion group at the Kent Memorial Library is beginning its fall sessions. The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 1st, at 7 p.m., and will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month through June.

The topic for the first discussion will be John Irving's popular *The World According to Garp*. It's a journey through four generations, across two continents with the astonishing family of T.S. Garp. Garp - the famous son of a belligerent mother - loves, labors, and triumphs in a world of assassins, wrestlers, rapists, feminist fanatics, adoring children, and a wayward wife.

The group decides at each meeting what the upcoming selections to read will be. There is no set type of material read. The sky is the limit! It's an opportunity to spend an hour or so with friends, neighbors and new acquaintances to share insights.

The current book is now available at the library. For more information or to register for the group, please call 668-2325. The book discussion group is open to all.

The Kent Memorial Library is located at 50 North Main Street.

Local Carpenter...

Bringing Back Old America

SUFFIELD: When you step through the door, it is like stepping into the past. The heavy wooden beams, the oaken floor, the spinning wheel in a corner, the aroma of bread wafting from the bake oven from a fireplace - it's all here.

No, it's not Sturbridge Village. It is the home of Michael and Nancy Drenzek in Suffield.

A carpenter who specializes in colonial restoration, Michael has devoted extensive time and effort on his own behalf by creating a showcase of Early Americana out of a 170 year-old house which had previously been condemned.

As the twelfth owners of this house believed to be situated on an old Indian site, the Drenzeks have so far restored six downstairs rooms. Michael's passion for authenticity in all areas from floorboards to hand-hewn ceiling beams accounts for much of the time spent on the project. Researching colonial materials and customs has become an all-consuming hobby of his, having taken him to such historical towns as Deerfield, Salem, Sturbridge and Williamsburg.

Peculiarities involved with individual houses Michael has restored are especially intriguing to him. Each house enfolds its own secrets, such as the one with a hole in the back wall of a fireplace.

Michael explored nooks and crannies throughout the structure until eventually he located a small room directly below the fireplace which a former owner had used to collect ashes to combine with lye in making soap.

In today's world, though, Michael's insistence on authenticity must be flexible enough to allow for such modernizations as energy-efficient double or triple paned windows. He usually manages to recreate convincingly the particular effect he intended.

Nancy Drenzek has developed a special feeling for the house she and her husband have taken over as a joint project. In the cozy warmth generated from heating with wood, she has nurtured her own passion for colonial crafts by baking bread with wheat they have ground together or by learning to spin wool into her own yarn.

The Drenzeks are truly creating their own memorable corner of history, and everyone who views their home cannot help but envy the unique slice of Early Americana they enjoy together.

Country Colonial - Southwick Landmark

By Joanne Brown

One of the easiest ways to find your way around Southwick is to start at the Country Colonial Gift Shop and follow directions from there. The familiarity we all have with this landmark building can be directly credited to its success as a unique shopping experience, one which may almost be viewed as a favorite leisure-time activity.

Judy and Joe Radwilowicz began their venture into the commercial world by selling Joe's handmade furniture out of a small, rented store on Springfield Street in hometown Agawam. Joe's expert craftsmanship and creative designs led to relocation in 1965 to their present spot in Southwick on Routes 10 and 202. Since that original move, they have expanded their shop four times, reaching the maximum limits of land with the last addition.

"We travel to regional and national gift and furniture shows several times a year to hunt for the best value and selection for our customers," Judy relates. "We also carry a few items from local craftspeople, such as Garden Lady dolls and dried flower arrangements."

Old Mill Pond Village

In 1971, the Radwilowicz family found a larger location for their ever-increasing furniture line at Old Mill Pond Village, seven miles further along Route 202 into Granby, Connecticut. They began there with mostly Early American pieces, but have more recently introduced a more traditional look as well including a Pennsylvania House line. Judy says the "more formal look" is the trend these days. They also offer an extensive number of unfinished furniture items.

Old Mill Pond Village, under the managership of former Agawam resident Jim Grady, offers a truly enjoyable shopping excursion. There are eight buildings situated around a pond where ducks and geese swim to the delight of fidgety youngsters who can amuse themselves there while their parents shop.

"The Sawmill building actually was an old grain mill," Judy comments. "We use it for displaying giftware and as our country store model."

Other buildings include the 1760 House, the Old Homestead, the Red Barn, and the Little Carriage Shed. The Storage Shed features bargains and marked-down articles.

Lakes Development Committee To Meet

Southwick: A meeting of the Lakes Development Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Brass Rail.

On the agenda is a discussion of the half-million dollar state park donated to the town of Southwick. The public is cordially invited to attend.



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JUDY RADWILOWICZ, owner of Country Colonial Gift Shop, proudly displays several of her prized lamps to a customer. Photo By Jack Devine.

Location Advantages

Judy and Joe see two advantages to their Southwick/Granby locations.

"With both stores, we can offer a huge variety of items," Judy points out, "plus our country setting eliminates the hassles of city driving and parking problems."

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Though their stores are now well-known and their reputations established, the Radwilowicz family has still maintained contact with some of their very first customers. They offer free delivery within the area as another bonus to keep shoppers happy.

Besides Judy and Joe, their children also put in time at the stores. Daughter Kim and her husband Don Cronan both work at Old Mill Pond along with recent Southwick High grad Joe, Jr. and younger daughters Kerri, 13, and Kristi, 10, who are "very sharp running the register and talking to customers," according to Mom.

Judy's parents, Nick and Carol Rosati from Agawam, work in the Southwick store, and some of their salespeople have been with them a long time.

With the family involvement in their business, Judy and Joe recognize Sunday as a time for relatives to spend together. The small room off the main gift room at the Country Colonial shop is a main attraction on that day. This room stocks candy, maple syrup, bird cages, door handles, and so on - something to capture the attention of every child.

Other downstairs rooms feature items from Quoizel lamps and genuine Tiffany glassworks to calico "bonnet" lampshades, scented candles and soaps, music boxes, plaques and slate signs, kitchen linen, and glasses ranging from fine stemware to thick mugs.

Upstairs rooms attractively display furniture, lamps, clocks, mirrors, and other accessories. Imaginative room settings suggest creative uses for various accessories.

The Southwick store is open Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, 10 to 6; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 to 9; and Sunday, 12-6.

Old Mill Pond Village is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9:30 to 5:30; Friday, 9:30 to 9; and Sunday, 12 to 6. It is closed on Mondays.

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SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL SHOP CLASS: Paul Mazut demonstrates machine safety to students, from left: Beth Goslee, Angela Proulx, Bonnie Freeman and Beth Heffernan. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



HERBERT PACE, principal of Powder Mill School in Southwick, discusses class scheduling with Resource Room teacher Susan Miemic on the opening day of school. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

WOODLAND SCHOOL

Mon., Sept. 14: Sloppy Joe on roll, French fries, green beans, pudding w/topping, milk
Tues., Sept. 15: Chicken vegetable soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk
Wed., Sept. 16: American chop suey, vegetable cook's choice, bread & butter, chilled fruit cup, milk
Thurs., Sept. 17: Hamburger on bun, buttered corn, carrot & celery sticks, cheese cubes, jello, milk
Fri., Sept. 18: Meat & cheese pizza on English muffins, Popeye Salad, chilled fruit, milk

POWDER MILL & HIGH SCHOOL

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Tuesday: Lasagna w/meat sauce, breadsticks, Popeye salad, fruited pudding w/topping, milk
Wednesday: Irish sausage pattie, brown gravy, whipped potato, vegetable, bread & butter, gingerbread w/topping, milk
Thursday: Hamburger on bun, sliced cheese, French fries, buttered corn, jello w/topping, milk
Friday: Meat & cheese pizza on English muffins, tossed green salad, chilled fruit, milk



POWDER MILL gym class students Kristen Yarab (left) and Terri Hamilton prepare to face off during gym class last week. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

School's Open!

By Carolyn McGloin

School began on September 2nd for the students in the Southwick School District with 625 students and 44 educators/administrators at the high school.

For Alexander H. Prew, principal of Southwick High School, the year began uneventfully. When asked what made this year special, possibly different, Prew replied, "After 29 years in education, what haven't I experienced?" He then related a story of malfunctioning bells and clocks on opening day.

What seemed to be on the mind of Prew was Proposition 2½. He noted that because of budget cuts, pupil/teacher ratios have increased.

Several days after school had opened, Prew visited classes and discussed Proposition 2½. He told students he would not mention 2½ again during the school year, but he felt they deserved an explanation for some of the changes in the classes and the scheduling.

Herbert C. Pace, Jr., principal at Powder Mill School, said his school this year opened with 655 students and a professional staff of 38½. Pace remarked that Powder Mill is "the biggest school in town."

He, too, is concerned with the effects of Proposition 2½. One result of the proposition is that seventh and eighth graders will no longer have the opportunity to learn foreign languages. For the seventh graders who were not exposed to this learning opportunity, the loss is not great, according to Pace, but for the eighth graders, however, the loss of foreign languages will be more substantial.

Another victim of 2½ is the textbook budget. For Powder Mill, the entire budget is \$3,000. In previous years, the budget allowed for at least one new set of books at a cost of \$10 per child. With 655 children in the school, the budget this year will cover less than half of what it might.

Also as a result of 2½, the interscholastic sports schedule has been cut, and algebra will no longer be offered to gifted eighth graders.

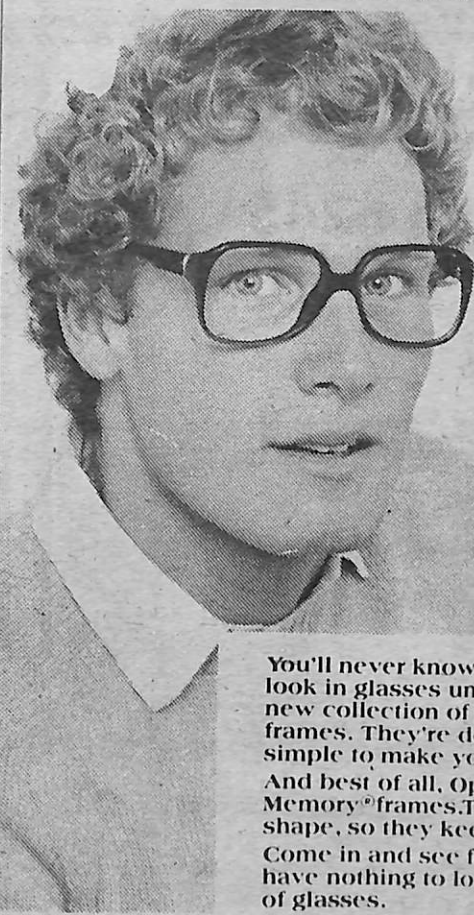
In spite of Proposition 2½, there is a pervading optimism among administrators and educators and an unspoken excitement in the student body.

that Mrs. Peters has established in her school.

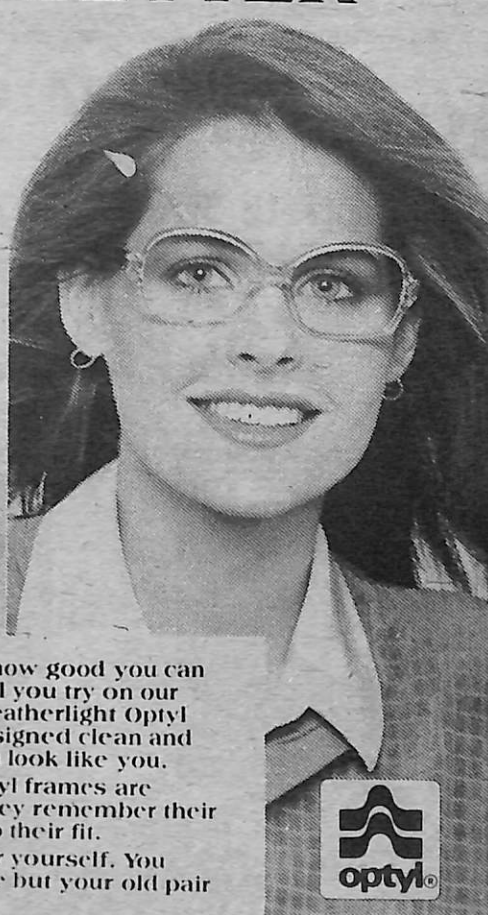
The parent education program will be offered on a monthly basis beginning in September. Each meeting will be conducted by specialists in motor, speech and psychological development. The dates for these meetings are still to be announced.

For further information, contact Mrs. Peters at the Southwick Day Care and Nursery School at 569-3328.

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Pre-School Awarded Mini-Grant

By Candis Bloomrose

Southwick: The Southwick Day Care and Nursery School in the center of the town, through the cooperation of the Southwick School System, has been awarded a mini-grant by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Elaine Peters, director of the school, says the Early Childhood Parent Training Program mini-grant will allow her to institute a parent education program and lending library. This program will be available to parents and teachers of special needs children in the greater Southwick and Westfield area. It will provide parents an insight into their child's special needs as well as familiarize them with the learning process and materials available in the lending library.

The mini-grant has allowed the school to acquire materials and books that parents and professionals may find helpful in dealing with young children with special needs.

Anyone participating in the parent education program may borrow from the lending library

SUFFIELD SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Monday, Sept. 14: Shells with meat sauce, zucchini saute, Italian bread, pears, milk
Tuesday, Sept. 15: Frankfort in roll, ranch fries, cole slaw, fudge cake or melon
Wednesday, Sept. 16: McAlister, Spaulding, Bridge, West - salad bar; High School, steak & cheese roll, potato rounds or green salad, blueberry crumble, milk
Thursday, Sept. 17: French bread pizza, fresh vegetable tray, pineapple chunks, milk
Friday, Sept. 18: Fisherman's sandwich (fish portion on roll), corn on the cob, watermelon, milk

Town Schools Open With Minimal Difficulty

By Lil Devin

SUFFIELD: Schools in Suffield opened their doors earlier than usual this year with classes starting on Wednesday, September 2, one week before Labor Day.

Dr. Sidney I. DuPont, Suffield's Superintendent of Schools, stated that the early opening of schools this year is due to the state's requirement that schools observe fifteen annual holidays and that the late Labor Day holiday combined with Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Friday created the early start. The state requires the schools to open their doors 180 days per year.

Dr. DuPont stated, "We thought we (Suffield) were going to be an exception, but we later learned that most other area school systems were doing likewise."

DuPont said neighboring Windsor Locks appeared to be one of the few Connecticut towns where schools stayed closed until after Labor Day.

One effect of the early opening on schools officials was that determining school enrollment became a problem, especially in Suffield High School and A. Ward Spaulding School. Officials said some students remained on vacation and the status of full enrollment was not anticipated until last week.

Spaulding principal, Edwin H. Humphrey, commenting on the early opening, said, "Your psyche is not quite as great, but I look at the fringe benefits too. We'll get out of school earlier in June." Even so, high school officials still anticipate a June 20 graduation for Suffield seniors.

If the schools' early opening has put a strain on anyone, it was hardly evident from the warm reception of school officials and students as classes ran smoothly throughout the day.

Moreover, McAllister Middle School Vice Principal, Gary Cane, was quick to mention the arrival of new cafeteria equipment. A new oven, freezer, refrigerator, mixer and food processor have already proven most beneficial in food preparation at the school.

Alice Welch, Director of Food Services at the Middle School, said a new breakfast program scheduled to begin September 22 will provide breakfast to students at 55 cents and to adults at 65 cents. The program is federal funding and begins promptly at 7:15 each school morning.



McALISTER MIDDLE SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADERS, Kellie Peltier (left) and Diane Mialo enjoy corn grown in a school sponsored garden run by instructor Charles Maverellion in the school's cafeteria last week. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



CIRCLE TIME ACTIVITIES are enjoyed by kindergarten students in the class of Linda Gillis and Linda Colson at A. Spaulding School. Students, from left: Santhosh Mathews, Lisa Foster, Chris Porter, Mark Roy, Heidi Sheldon, Lynn Kraiza, Mikie Sepko, Steve Chapman and Paul Winiarski. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Parent Orientation

Dr. David A. Johnson, principal of Suffield High School, announces that on September 15th at 7:00 his school will hold a program orientation for the parents of all Suffield High students. All parents are encouraged to attend.



SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS in Richard Ray's Alternate Energy class learn about the use of barometers. From left: Michael Fabrizi, Jim Bielonki and Dave Pugh chat about their findings. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Having assisted the AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS with its steady growth and popularity, I enthusiastically accepted the challenge of developing a similar outlet for local communication within the neighboring towns of Southwick and Suffield.

The response I've received thus far has been overwhelming and extremely gratifying.

Each week we will be attempting to keep you abreast of each town's events and activities. Our focus will be on bringing friends and neighbors closer together through an awareness of what's happening in your clubs, churches, schools, businesses, and governing boards.

In addition, we will explore town resources, spotlight talented townsfolk, and feature area businesses and their services.

To continue the valuable service begun in this first issue, we will need YOUR help. We invite you to submit to us social and civic information as well as opinions regarding current events.

We will also need your support through your patronizing the advertisers who make our publication possible.

Our sincere hope is that each individual resident will come to feel that this is his own newspaper to contribute to and to enjoy thoroughly.

I know I certainly have enjoyed bringing it to you.

PENNY STONE
MANAGING EDITOR

Guest Editorial...

By Alan Wertkin
Southwick Resident

One starts to wonder about the public interest of public service companies. Recently, when a proposal to end the controversy between concerned citizens of Southwick and Northeast Utilities was submitted, it was met by almost immediate negativity. Since the issue centers about how utility rights of way can be maintained at a cost effective operation, and even NEU experts agree that mass herbicide spraying is not desirable, all suggestions and ideas for alternatives should be investigated in a fair and positive manner.

Northeast Utilities now has a chance to become a public-minded, public service company and an excellent example to the industry and the public, by negotiating with the town as a vendor to maintain the proper foliage along the power lines. I, for one, cannot understand any complications since all this work has been contracted in the past and would only be a change of vendor. Liability, therefore, seems to be a thin veil, or excuse, until someone in the utility company will take the responsibility to make a sound business decision, that at the same time could do more for community relations in a very positive direction.

Someone must have forgotten that the purpose of these large companies is to supply power, not wield it.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

The latest vote of the Southwick selectmen to reject a state-financed counselor for the youth of the town appears to be another step in eliminating all town-sponsored recreation and services for the young people of Southwick.

The town meeting saw fit to eliminate a summer playground program which provided healthy recreation for hundreds of youngsters for many years.

Also eliminated was the Youth Center, a "rap center" where young people with problems were provided with counseling and worthwhile activities and projects.

The town beach, which featured a fine swimming instruction program for beginners, was closed and deleted from the town budget. The town's gymnasiums have been utilized very little in the past, and I understand that they, too, will be closed to future recreational activities.

Closing all avenues of assistance to our young people and forcing them to hang around barrooms, parking lots, and street corners is not the answer to the complex problems our youth face in today's "sick society."

The surrounding towns of Westfield, Agawam and West Springfield have outstanding recreation programs and recreational facilities for youngsters and the thousands of dollars expended for same is considered well spent.

Thank God for the Southwick Recreation Center, a privately-funded group of concerned and dedicated citizens who provide coaching, team play and facilities for tennis, baseball, softball, kickball, soccer, and basketball for youngsters age 5 through 17.

I don't believe the selectmen, the town residents, or the town meeting realize or appreciate the tens of thousands of dollars expended by the Southwick Rec Center which is normally spent by town governments in nearby communities.

We owe our young people the opportunity to develop their physical and mental abilities to their fullest extent. We adults have created a society where money and material goods have become God and leaders of the ilk of Nixon and Agnew are heroes.

Today's youngsters are brighter and mature at a much earlier age than youngsters of previous generations, and we are failing to provide the challenging education, the recreation, the understanding, and the encouragement they need to develop their potentialities.

Proposition 2½ is a weak excuse for neglecting our responsibilities to our youngsters. There is no price tag when it comes to young people. They are priceless, and with help from us, they may be able to save our sick society and even sicker economy from the certain doom it now faces.

Bob Flagg
Southwick Resident



Talking about Death with Children

An exceptional audio-visual program, "Talking about Death with Children", was developed by Dr. Earl Grollman to explain basic concepts that can lead youngsters to a healthy understanding of death. This program is now part of our audio-visual library. And we're pleased to be able to offer it to individual families for their private viewing, and to teachers and health care professionals for use in classrooms and seminars.

Children as young as three may benefit from the message the program so sensitively portrays. It also provides an excellent guide for adults, not only in what to tell children about death, but how to tell them and what they can be expected to comprehend.

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Local Dancers National Champs

By Joanne Brown

There are many ways area towns have been put on the map, and a local group of entertainers has done it with style once again.

The Senior Workshop performers from the Academy of Artistic Performance with studios in Southwick, Suffield, and Agawam recently copped first place honors at the national "American Youth On Parade" competition held last month at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

These fourteen talented teens entered five events in which 50 to 80 groups on the average competed, displaying talent in various divisions according to type and age classification.

With a snappy, 2½-minute dance routine performed to "Bye, Bye, Blackbird," our local girls became National Dance Line World Champions. Their performance was judged on choreography, general effect, and precision.

They also managed to place second in the Pom Pom division, which consists basically of a Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders-type routine performed to dance music. In addition, they won a third place in cheerleading competition and an 8th and 11th in two dance twirl events.

"The kids were ecstatic with these results," claims Nancy DeCosmo Locke, who, along with Debbie Calabrese, provides the fundamental instruction and inspiration for these girls. "The competition was really tough, especially with so many groups participating," she adds.

Not to be outdone by their senior counterparts, the Junior Academy Performers, a group of seventeen 9 to 12 year olds, entered three events and scored creditably in all of them. These girls placed second nationally in the Pom Pom classification and third in both Dance Line and Dance Twirl.

The Dance Twirl division is rapidly becoming one at which Nancy Locke's groups perform with excellence. The Junior Performers executed an almost flawless 2½-minute routine to "Jump, Shout Boogie" while simultaneously twirling batons in order to take their standing as one of the top three groups competing in this national/international gathering.

Three girls from Southwick were among the talented competitors who participated in these events. Sisters Leann and Amy Barnes, 14 and 10 years of age respectively, who live on Feeding Hills Road both took part with Leann placing ninth out of everyone dancing in the tap division and Amy performing dance-twirl as a member of the winning Junior group.

Karen Seibert, 14, of Foster Road copped fifth place in the ballet division.

"We're very proud of all our girls who represented us and their state so well," declares Nancy Locke. "Aside from their laurels, they've gained lifetime memories of traveling 1500 miles together, visiting one of the greatest educational institutions in America, and sharing a week of competition with students not only from across the United States but from several other countries as well."

Mrs. Locke gave credit to the all-out effort put forth by many parents to raise funds necessary to finance this trip. Their efforts allowed the trip to be extended into sightseeing tours of Niagara Falls, Canada, and Hershey Park, Pennsylvania.

If we consider the old Thomas Edison adage about success being 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration, perhaps this organization has changed the formula somewhat. Without denying the girls one ounce of their commitment to excellence in performing, we must also recognize the behind-the-scenes determination of their teachers and parents. Congratulations to all concerned on a job exceptionally well done.



Safety Snips

By
Robert Laughlin
Safety Officer
Town Of Southwick

The Auto Club of Springfield has presented a pedestrian safety citation for its outstanding program in this area to Police Chief Charles Wolfe and Safety Officer Robert Laughlin of the Southwick Police Department.

The A.A.A. program, according to Lawson Allen, assistant general manager, is the only one of its kind and focuses national and local attention on pedestrian safety needs.

Recognition is given to cities and towns that have shown superior achievement in their pedestrian death and injury records and have conducted effective pedestrian safety programs.

Pedestrian safety often is given limited attention in many traffic safety programs, A.A.A. maintains, yet, Allen noted, nearly 20% of all traffic fatalities are pedestrians. Through the program, A.A.A. and its affiliated clubs hope to increase public awareness of the need for strong pedestrian safety projects.

Awards and citations are presented on the basis of low pedestrian death and injury figures and on accident prevention programs which are evaluated in seven key areas including maintenance of efficient accident records, safety legislation enforcement, traffic engineering, traffic safety organization, quality of school traffic safety programs, and active public information and education programs.

The Southwick citation calls attention to the fact that there has not been one pedestrian death in town for four years.

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Financial Facts

By Gary Smith
Suffield Savings Bank

New Savings Certificate

A new savings certificate that pays tax-free interest will soon be available from banks. The new certificate is known as the All Savers Certificate and it will be available on October 1st. Tax-free income is a lure that few people can resist. But, before you invest, learn all the facts about this new certificate. If you are in a high tax bracket, it may be an ideal investment. But if you are in a low tax bracket, there may be better investments available.

The new All Savers tax-free certificate will be offered during the period from October 1, 1981, through December 31, 1982. It will have a one year maturity and can be issued in any denomination. A \$500 minimum denomination will probably be used at most banks.

The interest rate that will be paid on the All Savers certificates will be equal to 70% of the one-year Treasury Bill Rate. A new rate will be determined each month, but once an account is opened, the rate will remain fixed for the one-year term. The maximum rate that will be available on October 1st is 12.61%. Interest compounding will be allowed as long as the compounded rate does not exceed 12.61%.

Savers can exclude up to \$2,000 of interest earned on All Savers certificates from their taxable income on a joint return. Up to \$1,000 may be excluded on an individual return. Interest on all other types of savings will continue to be taxed at regular income rates.

The tax exclusion of the All Savers certificate will be of most benefit to people in a 30% or higher tax bracket. As a general rule, a single taxpayer earning over \$16,000 or a married couple earning over \$26,000 per year would be in a 30% or higher tax bracket.

To determine if the All Saver certificate will benefit you, you should compare the untaxed yield on it to the after tax yield on alternate instruments. For example, if you opened a six-month Money Market C.D. that paid 16% and you are in a 25% tax bracket, 1/4 of the interest you earn will be paid in taxes. Therefore, the after tax yield is 12% and an All Savers account will pay slightly more (12.61%).

An important feature of the All Savers program is that the FDIC will allow penalty free conversions from six month Money Market C.D.'s into the All Savers certificates. This will allow tax payers to take immediate action to reduce their taxable interest income on October 1st.

The All Savers certificates are expected to be a major source of new funds for banks, especially savings banks and savings and loan associations. These new funds will help the savings industry recover some of the deposit runoffs of the last two years which has seriously hurt their earnings and liquidity.

A further benefit is that 75% of the funds deposited into All Savers accounts must be used to finance housing or home improvements. The predicted results are lower mortgage rates and more housing starts.



Views From The Volunteers

By Lt. Ed Pepe
Southwick Fire Dept.

Just east of the center of town on Depot Street stands a quiet little building about forty years old. This building has come to life about 155 times this year as it houses the trucks used by our volunteer fire department.

The three big pumpers sit in front of the station waiting for the men to come. As the horn blows, some come from the grocery store, the hardware store, the garage, and still others from home. When the alarm rings, they all put aside their responsibilities as husbands and fathers and go quickly to the station to respond to the need of someone in trouble, whether it be a fire in someone's home or someone hurt in need of the ambulance.

These men do this for many reasons: for the excitement, for the challenge of fighting fires, but all of them do it because of a sense of responsibility to the townspeople and those who visit or work here.

Since January they have answered 34 alarms for building fires, four of which were major fires, three in commercial buildings. This kind of devotion needs continual support from the people they serve or it can quickly fade. Your support comes in many ways such as attendance at their annual carnival, or their first open house, or your words of encouragement.

As our town continues to grow, we are going to need your support even more as we plan for the protection of the new, more heavily-developed Southwick. Our chief officers are looking with concern toward the development of the town beyond the water system, the increasing number of multi-family dwellings, and the larger homes. As their plans develop, please think not only of the cost of protection, but the cost of not having it.

Presently our major supply of water for fighting fires beyond the water system is a converted 1953 oil truck cast aside by Swett Brothers Company, and purchased through carnival monies, and rebuilt into a fire tanker. This truck has served well, but is getting tired of climbing the hills. The first part of the improvement plan is to replace this with a tanker that will meet the further needs of the town.

A unique activity of the department is our school program. This year, as in the past, we will be presenting the Captain No-Burn program with many new surprises.

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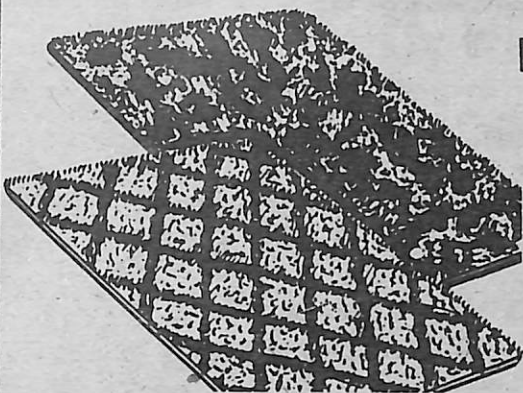
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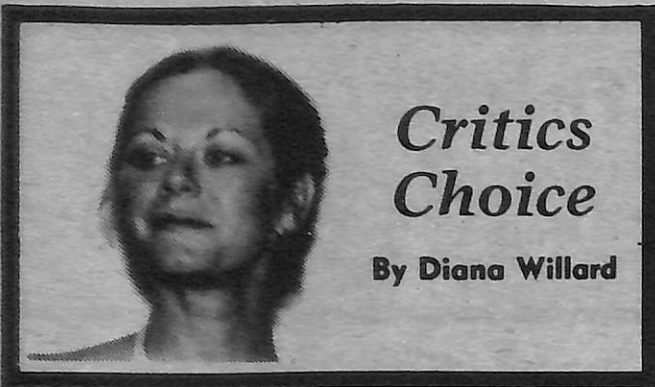
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Critics Choice

By Diana Willard

I remember laughing aloud when I read *The Star-Spangled Girl* for the first time. Though not one of his best known, the play is pure Neil Simon. The one-liners come fast and furiously, barely giving the audience time to recover from one laugh before the next arrives.

Admittedly a piece of fluff, *The Star-Spangled Girl* is, nonetheless, pure entertainment. And the New Valley Players do it full justice.

The cast is small, two males and one female. Each role is vital and the characterizations must be strong and believable in order for the play to be successful.

Director Flo Healy has cast her show well. The actors' performances were praiseworthy in Act I, but as the show progressed, they evolved totally into the personalities they were portraying.

The plot is simple. Andy Hobart (Paul Boland) and Norman Cornell (John McKemmie) are roommates. They are intellectual rebels and actively protest society's ills by publishing "Fallout" magazine.

Enter Sophie Rauschmeyer (Rose Raina), the all-American and extremely patriotic girl next door. Norman becomes so infatuated with Sophie's charms that he can no longer perform his job as chief writer.

Sophie can't decide whether "Fallout" is Fascist or Communist in its leanings. She is also engaged to an "eight-foot marine," so Norman's obsessive attentions are doubly unwelcome.

Andy's attempts as mediator are sometimes successful, but more often not. They also have the unintended consequence of Sophie developing the same attraction for him that Norman feels for her. This is in spite of the fact that she finds Andy the "most irritating, nauseating man" she has ever met in her life.

Complications and hilarity reign in this play that could almost be termed a farce.

The Star-Spangled Girl is an easy show to over-do. That is not true of this production. Emotions and chemistry build throughout, peaking exactly where they should.

The fight scene between Norman and Andy is well choreographed and flawlessly executed, not to mention out and out funny - one of the best I've ever seen on stage.

Flo Healy is famous for personalizing the shows she directs. If you are familiar with *The Star-Spangled Girl*, watch for her very own brand of ingeniousness at the play's conclusion.

The Star-Spangled Girl was only one-half of a very enjoyable evening. The show was held at the Brass Rail in Southwick. Those so inclined could opt for the dinner-theatre format. Delicious and plentiful food was complemented by the extremely gracious hospitality always offered at the Rail.

The Star-Spangled Girl will run for five more weeks. Reservations may be made by calling (413) 569-6372.

Suffield Ambulance Bolstered By Volunteer Residents

An emergency medical services system has many elements, all of which must be present if the sick and injured are to be helped. An integral part of the system is a citizenry which knows how and when to call for help and lay people who know what to do until that help arrives. A well-equipped ambulance and well trained ambulance personnel are essential. There must also be good radio communication, regional coordination and medical control.

In Suffield a citizen activates the system by dialing the emergency number, 911. In a medical emergency, the police dispatcher will notify the crew on duty for the Suffield Ambulance Association.

The ambulance is staffed by volunteers. These volunteers are trained medical response technicians (MRT) or emergency medical technicians (EMT). An MRT has had approximately 50 hours of training and an EMT has had approximately 100 hours, plus emergency department experience. All are state certified. Suffield residents do not have access to paramedics.

Volunteers work a minimum of two duty shifts a month. A regular shift is twelve hours, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. or from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. During the time they are on call, they stay in town. If the ambulance is needed, the crew is notified by the use of a paging system.

Within two minutes the personnel on duty call the dispatcher and acknowledge receiving the call. Personnel will respond to either the vehicle or the scene. Ambulance personnel determine the nature and extent of illness or injury, establish priority for treatment, render emergency care and transport patients to a medical facility.

The Suffield Ambulance Association has been operating since 1976 with fifty active members. These people represent both sexes, different age groups, and various professions. They are scattered all over town. The common denominator is their desire to help others and serve their community. Their reward is knowing that they have performed a worthwhile job and hearing someone say "thank you."

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DEBORAH POHANKA, director of the Suffield Ambulance Association, takes the blood pressure of Thomas Bellmore, a member of the Ambulance Association's Board of Directors and newly appointed successor to the post of Fire Chief. Photo by Jim Pekos.

The emergency medical services system in Suffield needs volunteers to work on the ambulance. Almost half of the original class of EMT's are still active, but we need additional people to replace those who have resigned.

Also, we want to provide training for the general public, another element of the system. The Ambulance Association is offering an advanced first aid and emergency care course starting Wednesday, October 14th, at the East Street Fire House.

Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-1 for a total of twelve sessions. The lead instructor will be William Phelps, EMS-I. There are no prerequisites. The only cost is for the textbook. You can register by calling Deborah Pohanka, EMS Director, at the ambulance office (668-5249).

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Safety Suggetions

By Lt. Robert Williams
Suffield Police Department

The Suffield Police Department hopes to use the *Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News* as a means to bring news, information, and tips to area residents. Our first article will deal with several topics which concern us as fall approaches.

The department would like to urge all motorists to **DRIVE CAREFULLY** now that school is in session and be especially alert for children on the edge of the highway waiting for school buses. Drivers should also be alert to watch for stopped school buses.

Connecticut law requires vehicles travelling toward and behind school buses to stop when the bus is stopped and displaying its flashing lights. Failure to stop for a school bus in Connecticut now carries a fine for the first offense of not less than \$100. Subsequent offenses carry a MINIMUM fine of \$500 or thirty days in jail, or both.

With the children back in school and, in many households, both parents working, residences now become attractive to daytime burglaries. By following a few simple tips, residents can cut down the possibility of becoming a burglary victim.

Garage doors should be closed by the last person leaving the household so it is not obvious that the house is vacant. Alert your neighbors that nobody will be at the house during the daytime and request

that they notify the police immediately if they observe any suspicious persons or vehicles in the neighborhood.

Tell your children if they arrive home and see any suspicious persons or vehicles near your house to go immediately to a neighbor's and call the police.

Remind all the members of your household to close and lock doors and windows before leaving. Report to police IMMEDIATELY any persons or vehicles you observe stopped near your home as you are leaving. If possible, without jeopardizing your safety, try to obtain as complete a description as possible of persons or vehicles which appear suspicious including the plate number of vehicles. Write it down and notify the police immediately.

Oftentimes people will not call and disregard these occurrences. It is the position of the police department that we would rather respond and investigate the activity than to have you become a victim of crime.

If your children are home alone, tell them not to open doors to strangers and not to tell strangers on the telephone they are home alone. If a member of your family arrives home and finds the house has been entered, DO NOT ENTER the house, but call police immediately from the nearest phone and wait for their arrival before entering.

We hope these tips are useful and informative. In our next article, we will report on the use of radar and the enforcement of motor vehicle laws on Suffield's highways.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield Firemen's Association, Inc.



Each year in the United States, approximately 150,000 people receive serious burns from clothing fires. If your clothing should catch fire, or if you are helping someone else whose clothing is on fire, remember these three simple but important words:

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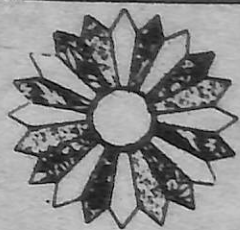
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Happy Quilting

By Suzanne Ashe
Of The Piecemakers Quilt Shop

This week I would like to discuss the quilting frame. After the quilting lines have been marked on the quilt top, the top, batting and back are basted together. The quilt is then tacked onto the two poles of the quilting frame. The width of the quilt is tacked to the poles since that is usually the shortest side. This way, the poles do not have to be too long. I always allow four to six extra inches on the back fabric of the quilt where the thumbtacks are placed.

Never tack the thumbtacks on the good part of the quilt so that if the tacks should rust or tear the fabric you don't damage your quilt. After the quilt is quilted, the extra four to six inches is trimmed off when you finish the edges of the quilt.

It is necessary to have two people to roll the quilt on the poles. One stands at each end of the pole. As you roll the quilt, try to keep the quilt straight and even. The tighter you roll the quilt, the better.

I prefer to start quilting at the very edge of the quilt and work in one direction. You may also work from the center and quilt out to one end and then come back to the center and quilt the other half. The quilt should be tight on the frame. I also thumbtack the side of the quilt at both ends to the sawhorses so that the quilt does not droop in the middle. As you work on a section, the quilt top may loosen up a little. Just roll the poles one-quarter turn to keep it tight.

One easy way to make a quilting frame is with two wooden sawhorses and two long narrow bars of wood. Make notches at each side of the sawhorses and set the wood bars in the notches. Height of the sawhorses is important - the dining room table is a good guide - since you must be able to quilt comfortably in a sitting position.

The long bars should correspond to the width of the quilt, not the length, since the quilt is put on the frame with the head on one long bar and the foot on the others. Excess yardage is wound around one bar - this is called rolling.

It is important that the poles be square, about 2 inches square. This way you roll a quarter turn when necessary. The distance between the notches should not be more than 18" wide.

These sawhorses are very strong and will support queen and/or king sized quilts with no problem. I don't recommend store bought frames because the wood is not strong enough and will crack under the weight of your quilt. For those who don't have someone who can make a quilting frame for them, they are available at my shop. There is always a frame set up at the shop for anyone who would like to get a closer look at a quilting frame.

Laughing Brook Events

An Artist's Reception will be held at the Laughing Brook Gallery on Sunday, September 13th at 2 p.m. Wildlife photographer Jack Swedberg will greet visitors to his show of photographs that feature over fifty color and black and white enlargements. Swedberg is one of Massachusetts' best known cameramen who has spent the past thirty years studying plants and animals in their natural environments.

This reception is open to the public at no cost.

Dates of the fall training workshops for volunteer sanctuary guides and Audubon Shop volunteers have been set for September 17, 24 and October 8 from 10 a.m. to noon.

No prior experience is necessary for those interested in becoming volunteers and sharing in all the activities of the center as professional training is provided by staff members.

A special training session on Monday, September 21 for 10 a.m. to noon will be held for those interested in spending a minimal number of hours each week assisting customers in the natural history oriented Audubon Gift shop.

YMCA Energy Run Set For Sept. 19

Mr. George S. Goyer, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA today announced that D'Amours Big Y Food Stores will sponsor the First Annual High Energy Run taking place on September 19 and 20 at the YMCA, 275 Chestnut Street, Springfield.

The 24-hour swimming and running marathons, starting at 12 noon Saturday is designed to be a fun event as well as a YMCA fund raising event. This unique high energy event will consist of a 24-hour team marathon to raise funds for the YMCA's programs.

The runners' output of high energy during this marathon will help the YMCA meet the ever expanding cost of energy. There is no limit to the number of people per team and each team will be responsible for obtaining pledges or securing a sponsor. There is a \$3 entry fee for each runner. The goal for the event is \$25,000 with hopes that the money raised that day will help keep the YMCA's dues down tomorrow.

Rosemary Stratton and Bob Kelleher are co-chairpersons for this event. Anyone interested in becoming a team captain or participating in the First Annual High Energy Run should contact the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA at 739-6951.

Try The Big E's "Merchant Days"

Selected Hampden County Merchants will be given the opportunity to provide savings for their customers during two special "Merchants' Days, September 21-22 at The Big E. The fair runs September 16-27.

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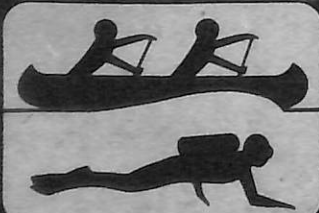
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Westfield State To Sponsor Road Race

The fourth James Banacos Road Race will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 2 p.m. on the Westfield State College campus.

This year's race will feature two events. The main event is the 10,000 meter (6.2 mile) race, which will have both the Open Division and the Masters Division for racers 40 years and up. Awards in the 10,000 meter race will be given for first, second, and third place in both men and women categories.

There will be also a 2-mile Junior Division race for youngsters 12 and under for new runners. Awards in the Junior Division will go to the top three finishers.

All participants in the Banacos Road Race will receive a special ribbon commemorating their participation.

Interested runners can register with the Athletic Department at Westfield State no later than Thursday, September 10th. There is a fee of \$1 for the Junior Division Race and \$2 for the Open and Masters Division.

All proceeds from the day's event are to be donated to Jimmy Banacos of Watertown, MA. Banacos is a former Westfield State student who was paralyzed in a lacrosse game at the College in 1970. He was to have graduated in 1972, but, because of his paralysis, has not been able to continue his education.

All registered runners are to meet at the College's Campus Center at 1:30 p.m., September 12. The race is scheduled to get underway at 2 p.m. This year the Good Tyme Athletic Running Club of Westfield has pledged its assistance. Current record holder is Stetson Arnold of Southwick, with a 34.39 time for a 6.5 mile race, set in 1977.

DAR Marks Constitution Week

The Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, reminds the people of the greater Springfield area that the week of September 17-23 marks the anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution. By proclamation of the President of the United States, and by an Act of Congress, that week is designated as Constitution Week.

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Suffield High School Athletic Schedule

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Girls Cross Country
Coach Pat Dougherty

Sept. 18	at Farmington Invit.	G
Sept. 19	at Windsor Locks	B & G
Sept. 22	at Manchester w/Simbury, Penney	G
Sept. 25	at Granby w/Tolland	B & G

J.V. Soccer
Coach - TBA

Sept. 17	East Windsor	(H)
Sept. 19	at Windsor Locks	10:00
Sept. 22	at Somers	
Sept. 24	Tolland	(H)
Sept. 29	Granby	(H)

Game time is 3:15 P.M.

Varsity Soccer-Boys
Coach Tom Ferreri

Sept. 17	at East Windsor	(H) 1 P.M.
Sept. 19	Windsor Locks	(H) 3:15
Sept. 22	Somers	
Sept. 26	at Tolland	
Sept. 29	at Granby	

Varsity Soccer - Girls
Coach Fran Aniello

Sept. 19	Windsor Locks	(H) 11:00
Sept. 23	at Somers	
Sept. 25	at Tolland	
Sept. 28	at Simsbury	
Sept. 30	Ellington	(H)

Field Hockey
Coach Barbara Novak

Sept. 17	Stafford	(H)
Sept. 19	at Windsor Locks	10:00
Sept. 22	Somers	(H)
Sept. 25	at Windsor	
Sept. 29	at Granby	

Gymnastics
Coach Chuck Thompson

Sept. 30	at Hartford Public	3:30
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Rams Gear Up For '81 Soccer Season

By Chris Hout

Southwick: The Southwick High soccer team opens its 1981 season Thursday, September 24th, against Gateway Regional at home. Game time is 3:15 p.m.

Back at the helm for the Rams is veteran coach Bob Duorchak, now in his fourteenth season as varsity soccer coach.

The Rams are coming off an awesome campaign of a year ago when Duorchak's troops produced a Western Mass. title and finished second in the state finals in Duxbury.

Duorchak will look to the leadership of senior co-captains Mike Reed, Danny English, and Butch Mitchell to guide his Rams to the top this season. The team lost eight players to graduation last June, among them the phenomenal All-Western Mass. goaltender Mike Stacey, who was the backbone of the Rams' defense.

Coach Duorchak feels he has another top-notch goalie in junior Jimmy Porter.

"He's coming along real well and is a tough competitor," Duorchak commented.

In a recent scrimmage game, Southwick edged Agawam 4 to 1. Duorchak was pleased with the overall play of his squad.

CORNER KICKS: In an interview with Athletic Director James Vincent, it was revealed that Southwick High has not been affected by Proposition 2½ as severely as other surrounding schools.

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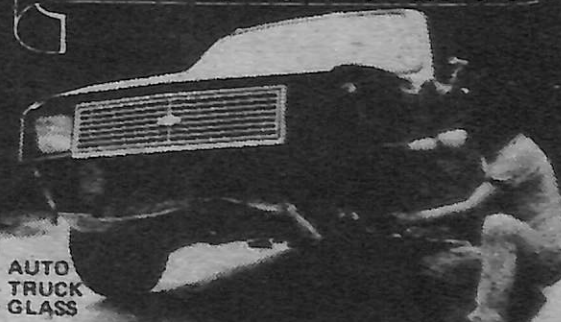
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SUFFIELD: The Suffield Recreation Department has been privileged for many years to have had a young couple, Tom and Maureen (Barry) Thresher, as totally dedicated and outstanding leaders.

Tom has been with the Recreation Department since its inception. He began in 1972 as a Suffield High School student helping part time with programs and lending a hand anywhere he was needed.

As a college student at Central Connecticut State College, Tom became captain of the school's soccer team. He was responsible for using the skills and knowledge he had learned in college to initiate the first recreational soccer program in Suffield. He shared his professionalism with the students as well as the coaches.

As the development of the Suffield Recreation Department continued, Tom, along with Tim Holloran, the first director of Recreation for the town of Suffield, continued to spend many extra hours working and developing new ideas and programs and organizing fund raising.

Tom was also directly responsible for developing the Recreation Department's Sports Camp, a program that still continues to be popular and construc-

tive. What began as an informal drop-in program, soon became one that included day trips and special events and again this summer included in the seven week program, sixty enthusiastic boys and girls.

Tom was also directly responsible for the adult volleyball league and the adult evening basketball program.

Last year Tom married Maureen Barry, a Physical Education teacher from Long Island, New York. Maureen soon became as involved in Recreation as Tom. She became the waterfront director and swim instructor at Sunrise Park and also last winter incorporated a gymnastic program, "Tumblebuns," for pre-schoolers. Her popularity soon equalled her husband's. As a team, they both were very involved with the "Special Kids" through the Special Olympic program, sponsored by the Suffield Jaycees.

The Threshers are now living in Long Island, New York. Tom has accepted a position on Wall Street in New York City and Maureen is teaching pre-schoolers in Long Island. They will be missed very much by all their friends in Suffield. Through their examples, they have served as positive role models to many young people.

as much time as possible fishing for ocean species.

Recently he was fishing for blues and taking a few while just five miles away a friend and his crew found themselves in a very exciting situation. Suddenly the boat was surrounded by giant tuna, the Captain estimated that there were over 50 monsters swimming and surfacing around the craft.

The mate took the metal gaff or spear and stood on the bow of the boat. A large tuna came across-wise the bow and the mate sunk the spear. The tuna took off with a splash and the boat prepared for a long session of following the brightly painted barrel that was attached to the line that was tied to the point of the spear that was impaled into the fish.

Four hours later the tuna was slashed alongside the boat and the trip to shore was undertaken. The tuna weighed just over 600 pounds. The going price at

dockside is \$1 per pound.

While the tuna saga was taking place, a young couple with their 9 year old son experienced a thrill that a boat skipper dreams of happening every time he ventures fourth on the choppy ocean. At 10 in the morning, while trolling for blues off Block Island, a large mako shark hit a line. The battle was on.

The small 23 foot boat drifted off course 16 miles while the fight continued. Ernie came upon the craft while he was heading in for the day. The shark was as long as the boat. Over the radio, Ernie gave the skipper of the proud craft compass headings and then he continued into shore.

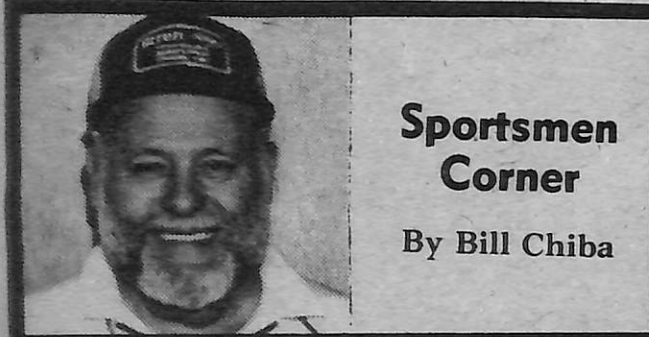
When the boat pulled in with the shark, Ernie was there at the weighing station. So were a lot of other people and fish buyers. The shark weighed 750 pounds. In its mouth was the bone structure of another fish. Upon investigation they found that the shark had grabbed a blue in the 15 - 20 pound range that had hit the lure trolled by the boat and the hooks were imbedded into the shark, too. The shark went for \$3 per pound. This is what is known as a profitable day.

For hunters looking for some early action, the woodcock season opens September 19th in New Hampshire. A federal stamp is not needed, just a NH hunting license. The season is 65 days long. Hunters will be permitted to take five per day, with a possession limit of 10. No person shall take a woodcock with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

For the hunters that are figuring to hunt Vermont this season, a warning that the doe permit applications have to be in the mail by September 15th. The applications can be picked up in any agency that sells hunting licenses.

Party permit applications for the extra deer in the New York season had to be in by September 8th. This is very early this year and a great many of us New York hunters have missed out on applying. Notification of the deadline was not published too readily.

New York has inherited a large population explosion of deer the past few years and is trying to control the herd through harvesting more deer during the seasons. If the herd is allowed to grow at the present rate, feed will be overbrowsed and starvation will set in. If a bad winters occurs in the near future, the animals will suffer from malnutrition and starvation. This is the reason for the large increase in the awarding of special doe or deer permits.



Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

The tuna fishing off Block Island has been good this season. Ernie Lombardi, an Agawam resident and owner of J.W. Wimpy's in town, gave me a run down on one day's activity off of Block Island. Ernie spends

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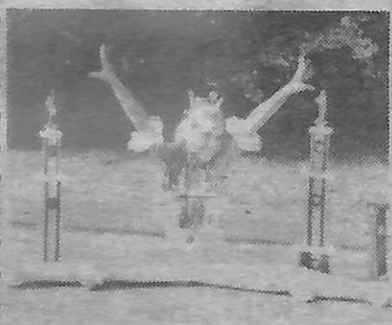
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Kim Winterton, Age 9-Nat'l. Novelty and Jazz World Finalist 1981. Miss MA LaPetite, Miss Bi-Centennial, Miss Holly Queen, Miss St. Patrick's Day, Former MA State Juvenile Champ, Miss Octoberfest.



Michelle Whitehouse, Age 16: Former feature Twirler, Westfield High School and Westfield Diablos, performed with Hanna Barbera Prod., member 1981 Nat'l Danceline.



Left: Erin Tymeson Age 4, Former Miss Westfield Fair Finalist, Little Miss Easter 1981 Spring Festival Beauty Queen/Right: Kristyn Winterton, Age 3, Northeast Spectacular Queen.



Stacy Koretz, Age 10, MA State Queen. Top 12 Novice Miss Majorette of America. Top 10 World Finalist Novelty Dance Championships University of Notre Dame 1981.



Jennifer Robinson, Age 9. Runner-up Northeast Spectacular Queen Top 10 Juvenile World Jazz Champion Finalist University of Notre Dame, 1981.



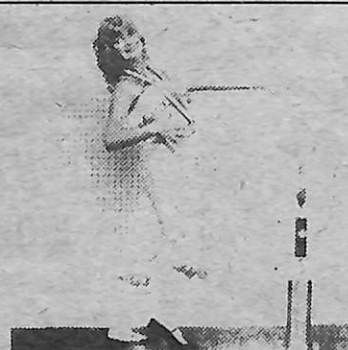
L.-R.: Kim Longloy, Karen Twarog, Karen Seibert, Kristy Wage, Leann Barnes, Linda Burnett, Amy Barnes, and Becky Bryant (kneeling) make up Finalists in American Youth on Parade Championships 1981.



Melanie Moodie, Age 11 Top 10 Finalist 1981 University Notre Dame Amer. Youth Talent Festivals. 2nd Runner up Miss Thanksgiving 1980, Top 10 Finalist Pom-Pom Girl of the Year. Runner-up World Novice Flag & Solo Championships 1981.



Kelly McNamee 14, Joanne Pallotta, 13, featured in Who's Who in Baton Twirling 1981. National Dance Line World Champions Runner-up 1981 Duot Twirling Championships Finalist 1981 MA State Queen.



Kirstin Hurst 1st Runner-up Little Miss Easter. Top Ten Finalist World Novelty Dance competition 1981 Runner-up, 1981 Spring Queen.



Kerri Tymeson Age 8, former World Jazz Champion, Miss MA. LaPetite, Miss Majorette of MA., MA State Champion, Miss Petite Westfield Fair, Top Ten World Talent Festival Jazz and Novelty Divisions. Performed with the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus.

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